

Docket No. 251961US3DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takaaki YANAGISAWA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/830,223

RCE FILED: January 11, 2006

FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLENISHING A DEVELOPING DEVICE WITH TONER WHILE SUPPRESSING TONER REMAINING

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith: Terminal Disclaimer, Letter, Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97, Form PTO-1449

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	18	MINUS	20	0	x \$50 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	3	0	x \$200 =	\$0.00
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					TOTAL	\$0.00

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LETTER

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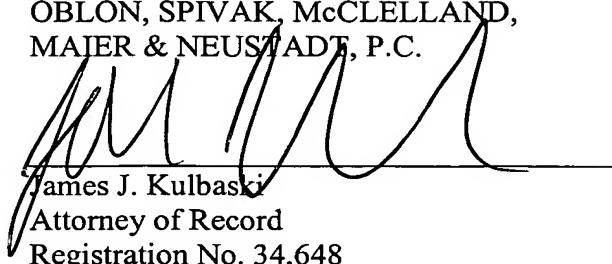
Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the following references of record in this application: JP 11-65253, JP 63-271378, JP 7-44005, JP 59-9360, JP 10-63078, JP 7-261531, JP 60-82651, EP 1 154333 A2, JP 8-137229, U.S. 4,377,334, JP 59-38459, and JP 6-222669.

This correspondence should not be interpreted to mean or imply that these references render the claims unpatentable or that the other references found in any of the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application are not relevant.

Acknowledgement of all references listed in the IDSs filed in this application is respectfully requested on or before the next Official Communication from the USPTO.

Respectfully submitted,

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